(c) whether Government propose to give certain incentives to diamond exporters for further increase of ex ports and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what are the names of the ountries to which diamond exports have shown an increase during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI); (a) t$_0$ (d) Exports of diamonds during the period April-October, 1988 (ending 31st October, 88) was Rs. 2278.99 crores (provisional) as compared to Rs. 1384.15 crores in the corresponding period last year. Government recently notified certain measures for promoting exports of cut and polished diamonds. These include re-vised rates of replenishment, amendment to the imprest licensing policy, liberalised norms for bank credit, exemption under Section 80 HHC of th$_e$ Income Tax Act etc. Some of the major countries to which exports have been increasing ar$_e$ the USA, Japan, Belgium, Thailand, France, the UK, Australia and Hong Kong.

News-item captioned 'CAG warns against Debt Trap'

*192. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which has appeared in the Times of India of th$_e$ 30th July, 1988 under the heading "CAG warns Government against debt trap" and if so, what is the quantum of internal public debt and the interest payable thereon per year and the quantum of foreign debt and interest payable thereon per year for the last three years;

(b) whether the administrative expenditure of the Central Govern ment is increasing at a fast pace and if so, what are the figures of adminis trative expenditure termed a^3 non-developmenta] expenditure during th$_e$ last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government's domes tic borrowings from the public has mostly been $_u$sed for payment of inte rest liabilities thus affecting the deve lopmental expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

The reference is presumably to the report of the Comptroller & Auditor-General of India on public debt which was laid on the Table of the House on 29th July. 1988.

(a) *Internal and External Debt:* The quantum of internal and external debt and the interest thereon during the last 3 years are given below: —

(Rs. crores

Outstanding at the end ol

1985-86 1986-87 I987-8K
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	Outstanding at the end oi 1985-86	1986-87	1 987-88
it) Internal debt	71039	86312	99520 (RE]
(if) External debi on Government account (at the current rate of exchange)	26638	32312	36671!
(iii) [nteresi on internal debt	3919	4763	5628 (RE
(iv) Interest on external debt	538	766	1034 (RE)

(b) *Non-Plan Administrative Ex-penidture:* The table below gives the details of non-plan administrative expenditure during the last 3 years and as a percentage t_0 the total non-P|an revenue expenditure. It does not show an '"creasing trend.

(Rs. crores)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (RE)
in Organs of State (of which Audit)	187 H 10)	218 (160)	240 (180
(ii) Collection of taxes	293	381	454
(iii) Administrative services *(o f* which police)	1062 (.707)	1344 (914)	1401 (.979,
(iv) Secretarial Expenditure	!68	209	237
Total-Non-PUui Administrative Expenditure (A)	1710	2152	2332
Total-Nbn-Plan Revenue expenditure (excluding Defence) (B)	1951 1	23084	27713
Percentage of (A) to (B)	8.8%	9.3%	8.4%

Clearance for Polavaram project

"193. SHRl YALLA SESI BHU-SHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the major hitch for giving clearance to the P«ilavaram Project is the catchment rrea treatment and land t° land proportion;

(b) whether tin- State Government has given an assurance to fulfil the conditions after receiving the clearance for the Project: and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Project is a multi-purpose project?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (.SHIRT. Z. B